7. Mahila Mandal
8. Working Women's Hostel
9. Demonstration Project
10. Welfare Extension Projects
11. Border Area Project.

Central University status to Allahabad University

1951. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:
SHRI SURENDRA LATH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to grant the status of Central University to Allahabad University;

(b) if so, whether some other Universities are also likely to be accorded the status of Central Universities; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) The Union Cabinet has approved the proposal for restoration of Central University status to the University of Allahabad.

(b) and (c) No such other proposal is under consideration of the Government, at present.

Assistance to residential schools for women

†1952. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the news-item published in the media stating the decision of Government to curtail the amount of assistance provided for opening residential schools for women by Government; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the names of the States where such women schools are being run with financial contribution of Central Government alongwith the details regarding their management?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) One such news-item published in the 'Times of India' dated 22nd October 2003, has come to the notice of Government.

(b) The scheme of 'Kasturba Gandhi Swatantra Vidyalayas' for establishing residential schools for girls, referred to in the above news-item, is yet to be approved by the Government.

Concession to SC/ST students for admission

1953. SHRI R. K. ANAND: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 5 per cent concession of marks in minimum eligibility criteria for admission in B.Ed. course is given to SC/ST students by Universities;

(b) if so, whether such concession is also being given to SC/ST candidates in minimum eligibility requirement for recruitment of teachers in KVS etc.;

(c) if the reply to part (b) is in negative, what is the rationale of concession of 5 per cent marks given to SC/ST students in B.Ed course when they are being deprived of appearing in recruitment examination for teachers after completing B.Ed; and

(d) what steps Government propose to remove this impasse?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) UGC has issued instructions to all Universities to give 5% concession in marks to SC/ST students in minimum eligibility criteria for admission to all courses.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Employment in K.V.S. or other Government Organisations is only one of the employment opportunities available to SC/ST candidates who are getting B.Ed degree on the basis of 5% concession in marks.